

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

September 4, 2001  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Degginger, and Lee

ABSENT: Councilmember Noble

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Mosher, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers except Mr. Noble were present. Mr. Creighton led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Claire Waltman submitted a petition signed by 170 residents that requests Council action regarding subdistrict zoning and the lack of green space on the south side of the Downtown.
- (b) Urbano Santos commented on the shooting in early August of Nelson Martinez-Mendez by a police officer. He is concerned about the security of residents within the community.
- (c) Alton McDonald, Vice President of Citizens against Police Racial Profiling, Harassment and Intimidation, discussed the shooting of Nelson Martinez-Mendez on August 8. He questioned Bellevue Police Department's ability to conduct an unbiased investigation of this shooting. He noted that the mayor was out of town when the shooting occurred but that his group subsequently submitted a list of demands to Deputy Mayor Marshall. Mr. McDonald spoke against racial profiling and intimidation in Bellevue. He said four African-Americans from Tacoma were recently pulled over in Bellevue for failing to use a turn signal within 100 feet of a turn. He encouraged Councilmembers to look into any complaints filed against the Bellevue Police Department and thanked them for their time.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.
5. Report of the City Manager: None.
6. Council Business

Councilmembers provided their reports in the earlier Study Session.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to postpone consideration of Agenda Items 11(a) and (b) to a later date, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to postpone consideration of Agenda Items 11(a) and (b) carried by a vote of 6-0.
- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the agenda, as amended, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the amended agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Mr. Lee requested pulling item 8(l) for discussion.

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the amended Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) Minutes of July 16, 2001 Study Session  
Minutes of July 23, 2001 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of July 30, 2001 Special Study Session  
Minutes of July 30, 2001 Special Regular Session  
Minutes of August 2, 2001 Special Meeting  
Minutes of August 6, 2001 Study Session  
Minutes of August 6, 2001 Regular Session
  - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending August 10, 2001, and payroll for the period July 16 through July 31, 2001.
  - (c) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending August 24, 2001, and payroll for the period August 1 through August 15, 2001.

- (d) Resolution No. 6587 authorizing execution of an amendment to the contract with Peterson Design Services to provide office space planning, project coordination, and staff relocation coordination services for the Transportation Department tenant improvements project in the amount of \$22,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$67,000.
- (e) Ordinance No. 5315 authorizing execution of agreements with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and the Eastside Narcotics Task Force to provide staffing and accept funding for staffing; appropriating additional revenues for said services to the General Fund and increasing the General Fund appropriation for the 2001-2002 Budget; and amending the Operating Budget adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 5266.
- (f) Resolution No. 6588 authorizing execution of a consultant agreement with KPG, Inc. to provide engineering services in the amount of \$450,883.99 for the design of roadway improvements on Cougar Mountain Way in the *Cougar Mountain/Newcastle neighborhood*. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-115)
- (g) Resolution No. 6589 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to the consultant agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers for the completion of engineering design for Kamber Road roadway improvements in the *College Hill and Bannerwood neighborhoods* in the amount of \$18,070, bringing the total contract amount to \$282,160. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-102)
- (h) Resolution No. 6590 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to purchase property rights in lieu of condemnation from Razore Land Company for the NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Extension component of the I-405/Bellevue Downtown Access project. (CIP Plan No. PW-I-46)
- (i) Ordinance No. 5316 authorizing and providing for the acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of improving a portion of 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE for the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Improvements, CIP Plan No. PW-I-81, and NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bellevue Downtown Access Project, CIP Plan No. PW-I-46, within the City of Bellevue; providing for condemnation, appropriation, taking and damaging of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for the cost thereof and directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provided by law for said condemnation.
- (j) Motion to award Bid No. 0144 for removal of 365 linear feet of 8-inch diameter concrete sanitary sewer pipe that is in poor condition with structural cracking on 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/Black Angus in the amount of \$114,169.28 to Earthwork Enterprises, Inc. as low bidder. (CIP Plan No. S-24)
- (k) Resolution No. 6591 authorizing execution of a relinquishment of sewer easement with regard to property at 13961 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street for sanitary sewer rights no longer required by the City.

Item for Council discussion:

- (I) Meydenbauer Bridge seismic retrofit and reconstruction  
[Materials provided under Study Session, Item 2(c)]
  - (1) Motion to amend CIP Plan No. PW-M-11, Meydenbauer Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Reconstruction, by changing the project name to “Meydenbauer Bridge Replacement” and the project description/scope to “This project will replace the bridge over Meydenbauer Park on Lake Washington Boulevard at approximately the 9700 Block.”
  - (2) Resolution No. 6592 authorizing execution of a consultant agreement with TranSystems Corporation to provide engineering services for replacement of Meydenbauer Bridge in the amount of \$336,745.  
(CIP Plan No. PW-M-11)

Mr. Lee noted that this item was discussed in the earlier Study Session. He understands the need to reconstruct a new bridge. However, he is concerned that staff did not provide sufficient cost information and options for Council consideration. Mr. Lee will not support the motion.

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to adopt Resolution No. 6592, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.

Mr. Degginger proposed adding the following sentence to Section 1 of Resolution No. 6592: “The total design costs for the project shall not exceed \$200,000.” Mrs. Marshall accepted this as a friendly amendment, but there was no second from the Council.

Mr. Lee said he appreciates Mr. Degginger’s attempt to place a maximum limit on spending. He asked staff to comment on whether this is a realistic limitation.

At the City Manager’s request, Transportation Director Goran Sparrman addressed Council and explained that a design for the new bridge has not yet been developed. Resolution No. 6592 will provide funding to complete plans, specifications, and estimates for the project, which is necessary before the project can be advertised for bids. Mr. Sparrman said one option for reducing consultants’ costs would be to perform the work in house, which would require the reprioritization of staff’s current workload. He said staff’s plan is to return to Council later this year, after the engineering analysis is completed, to provide a full project cost estimate for Council consideration.

Mr. Degginger feels Council needs to start setting some limits on the dollar amounts of consulting work. Mr. Sparrman said page SS 2-10 of the Council packet indicates that Resolution No. 6592 will obligate the City for \$336,745 for engineering services to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for the Meydenbauer Bridge replacement.

Mr. Degginger questioned the \$200,000 discussed in the Study Session. Transportation Assistant Director David Berg said it would cost approximately \$100,000 to go back to the 1997 plans for retrofitting the bridge and bring them up to a 100% design package incorporating current codes and standards. He compared this to the current proposal for \$336,745 to develop plans, specifications, and estimates for a new replacement bridge.

Mr. Sparrman clarified that this project was never fully designed. Following the Nisqually Earthquake in February, Meydenbauer Bridge was reevaluated by a committee of experts who ultimately recommended replacement of the bridge.

In response to Dr. Davidson, Mr. Sparrman described staff's efforts to accelerate the project because the bridge is no longer considered safe for some of the City's fire apparatus. Dr. Davidson suggested approving the \$106,000 already in the 2001 budget along with an additional \$200,000 for a total of \$306,000. Mr. Degginger thanked Dr. Davidson for this clarification.

Mr. Lee spoke in favor of saving money wherever possible in light of the City's competing priorities and the current downturn in the economy.

Mr. Sparrman said staff agrees with Council that the project must be completed in a responsible and cost-effective manner. He commented on the complexity and high costs of transportation projects and staff's efforts to reduce costs whenever possible.

Mr. Creighton expressed support for staff's proposal and the need to replace the bridge. Mayor Mosher agreed that the City needs to move forward with the project.

Dr. Davidson said the engineering work for this project is already fully funded through CIP Plan No. PW-M-11. Although he anticipates the overall cost of replacing the bridge will increase from \$3 million once current design work is completed, he will support the motion. He reiterated Council's concerns regarding project budgeting.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy acknowledged recent Council discussions regarding increased project costs and/or changes in project scope. He said all of these projects have undergone considerable public involvement and subsequent modification to the project scope after the projects have been approved in the CIP (Capital Investment Program) Plan. Mr. Sarkozy said staff will provide an analysis of planning, engineering, and construction costs for Council's review.

- ➡ The motion to adopt Resolution No. 6592 carried by a vote of 5-1, with Mr. Lee dissenting.
- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to amend CIP Plan No. PW-M-11, Meydenbauer Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Reconstruction, by changing the project name to "Meydenbauer Bridge Replacement" and the project description/scope to "This project will replace the bridge over Meydenbauer Park on Lake Washington Boulevard at approximately the 9700 Block." Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.

- ☛ The motion to amend CIP Plan No. PW-M-11 by changing the project name and project description/scope carried by a vote of 6-0.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 5317 adopting a new Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.03, Tax Administrative Code; repealing Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.02; amending Bellevue City Code sections 4.04.015, 4.04.020, 4.04.025, 4.04.035; 4.10.015, 4.10.020, 4.10.070, 4.14.015, 4.14.020 and establishing an effective date.
- (b) Ordinance No. 5318 adopting a new Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.09, Business and Occupation Tax Code; repealing Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.08; amending Bellevue City Code sections 5.04.050, 5.12.040 and 5.12.110; and establishing an effective date.

Council approved postponement of these items under Agenda Item 7.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Mosher declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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